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Restriction of the number of passes in the Degree Examinations.

* 360 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any circular or directive from the Government of India or the Union Public Service Commission suggesting to restrict the number of passes in the degree examinations held by the Universities of the State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether any directive has been received from the Central Government with regard to the conduct of degree examinations? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Evidently, there is some misunderstanding with regard to this matter. As far as the degree examinations are concerned, they are conducted by the University. The University is an autonomous body and no direction can be issued in this matter either by this Government or by the Central Government."

Control of leprosy in South Arcot district.

* 361 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the various steps taken by the Government to prevent and check leprosy in South Arcot so far?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" A printed statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" As the Night Segregation Centre has not checked the further spread of the disease, will the Government consider the desirability of collecting all the lepers in the South Arcot district at one place for treatment in order to prevent them from public movement, as the disease is contagious? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" If the hon. Gentleman reads the statement laid on the table of the House, he will see that anti-leprosy work for the control and treatment of the disease is carried on on a very large scale in South Arcot. There are 44 clinics and a special study and treatment centre has been opened by the Government of India as one of their pilot projects there."

Sri S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know whether the Government have favourably considered the best suggestions made by the Leprosy Prevention Organizer, Mr. T. N. Jagadeesan, about the modern ways of treatment? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The schemes suggested are being implemented."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 203–204 infra.